

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Friday, April 9, 1999
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Michael Branham, Surprise, Chair	Steve Hancock, Mesa
Bruce Meyers, Arizona Department of Administration	Tracy Stevens, Peoria
*Jeff Sargent, American Society of Landscape Architects	Lorry Kuiper, Phoenix Planning Department
Mickey Ohland, Chandler	Mark Melnychenko, Phoenix Transit
*Tami Ryall, Gilbert	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
Susan Bookspan for Richard Janke, Glendale	*Deborah Astin, Scottsdale
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	Betsy Moll for Eric Iwersen, Tempe

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Angela Dye, A Dye Design	Ken Howell, TASK Engineering
Caryn Logan Heaps, Logan Simpson Design	Jim Coffman, The Planning Center
Dawn Coomer, MAG	Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Steve Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

No member of the audience wished to address the Working Group.

3. Approval of the March 26, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Maureen Mageau-DeCindis moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 26, 1999. Aaron Iverson seconded the motion. Susan Bookspan requested some changes to show the difference between comments made by Richard Clewis and Richard Janke. Staff noted the comments. The minutes were approved unanimously with changes as discussed.

4. Update of the Pedestrian Plan

Jim Coffman of The Planning Center led a discussion on the update of the pedestrian plan. He distributed materials which included lists of Pedestrian Working Group (PWG) members, an updated stakeholders list, project purpose and mission, and goals and objectives. Corrections to the PWG member list were noted, and Steve Hancock requested adding Bruce Taft from the Association of Retired Persons to the Stakeholders list.

Jim continued by reviewing the plan purpose, and asked for input on the goals and objectives. The committee discussed various aspects of the goals and objectives. Steve suggested noting that walking is used for transportation and recreation. Maureen suggested changing the name to Pedestrian Plan 2000. Betsy Moll noted that pedestrian oriented land use needed to be mentioned to show that pedestrian areas include far more than sidewalks. Angela Dye added that the term “areas” has a specific definition in the Pedestrian Area Guidelines and Policies. Jim noted that all issues needed to be addressed in the goals and objectives.

Betsy emphasized that land use changes are important. Bruce Landis noted that the key to modal shift is land use patterns which support walking. A separate goal to encourage higher density and to use walking to lessen congestion and improve air quality may be needed. Caryn Logan Heaps suggested using the word “guide” in goals, and that pedestrian areas should be identified before they are linked. Bruce noted that selecting pedestrian areas and projects was discussed at the last meeting, and continued by giving a summary of the last meeting. He noted that the consultant team would build upon the latent demand score model to map regional streets into one of the four categories in the Pedestrian Area Policies and Design Guidelines.

Caryn added that more pedestrian areas are needed in areas of higher intensity. Bruce noted that the Regional Pedestrian Condition model would consider these factors to create thresholds to help rank projects. Steve asked for a definition of adequate funding. Ken Howell noted that MAG rating systems should incorporate pedestrian design concepts, and Dawn agreed. She noted that the PWG could recommend changes to the Congestion Management rating system. Bruce added that the FHWA had released guidelines related to pedestrian accommodation in all transportation projects.

Several other issues were discussed when reviewing the goals and objectives, including the need for more pedestrian data and the role of MAG in educating about the benefits of pedestrianism. Other specific changes to the goals and objectives were recorded on flip charts at the meeting.

5. Next Meeting Date

The PWG decided to hold the next meeting on April 29th at 1:30 p.m. to prioritize actions and goals. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. the same day.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.